

MINUTES
CITY OF AUBURN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

March 15, 2005 @ 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willick; Richardson; Clark; Nesbitt; Merz
MEMBERS ABSENT:
OTHERS PRESENT: (See attached list)

1. **Public Comment** – None
2. **Minutes:** Approval of January minutes M/S Nesbitt/Clark; unanimous approval.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. **Request to Relocate the Yellow Loading Zone on Cherry Avenue & Lincoln Way - Solomon**
This item was continued until the April meeting, pending information from the DBA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. **Request for 8-Hour Parking, X-Walk & Street Light @ Casablanca Spa, 1237 High Street**
Per business owner, Shari Smith, the DBA favors 8-hour parking in this area, and has also included this area in their “3-year plan” (meaning once approved, no changes could again be made for three years). Until we get the formal report/request in writing from the DBA we remain status quo on the issue. Once the written request is received, the committee can then make recommendation to City Council for the necessary Ordinance changes. Notification letters need to be sent to all those affected by the change in parking, to give all affected a chance to comment on the issue. Nesbitt will speak with both Roper and Capp to encourage their attendance at our next meeting. NOTE: DBA Representative, Gary Capp, was not in attendance at today’s Traffic Committee meeting.
5. **Request to Review Intersections of High & Lincoln, Sacramento Street & Maple, Nevada Street & Andrew and Hwy. 49 & Lincoln Way - Update**

A letter to Cal Trans was sent by Clark. Clark was also informed by Cal Trans Deputy Director of Traffic that they have a “large file” on these intersections, including alternatives previously rejected by us and others. At this point it appears to be a wait/see game; they will come address the committee once a viable solution is ready to present. Richardson suggested inviting them to our next meeting.
6. **Request for Patrol/Jake Brake Signage on Auburn Folsom @ Vintage Oaks**
A sample sign encouraging truckers to minimize engine brake noise was presented to the committee. We need to determine specific criteria for installation of such signs. Mr. John Matos informed the committee that it is the altered exhaust system of the vehicle that is the actual noise maker, not the jake brake.
7. **Request for “No Parking” & Red Zones Sacramento Street & Brewery Lane**
The area fronting the Joss House is already painted red. Within the next six months the city intends to re-do existing/add additional parking, and this might go hand-in-hand with that change. The impact of additional traffic will continue to increase parking situation problems for Old Town. Richardson moved to communicate to complainant Attebery that he needs to call the City when parking problems occur; the City will tow when necessary, and will also document the incidences to warrant signage.
8. **Request for A Directional Arrow on Sutton Place**
Vehicles are creating a problem by going in both directions around the dead-end circle at the barricade on Sutton. Large trucks are particularly problematic. An arrow indicating counterclockwise traffic flow was requested. Other suggested solutions included installation of a “keep right” sign, or possibly one stating “road ends, keep right”. Clark would like time to ponder the situation, make a site visit, and bring back the best solution to next month’s meeting. Nesbitt moved/Willick seconded to have Clark bring alternatives to April’s meeting.

9. Request for “Yield” Sign Relocation and/or Street Markings on Maple Street @ Bridge

Clark has investigated, and will report to the committee next month. We will also invite Cal Trans for their input on the situation at this intersection. Chief Willick will speak with Rick Ward, CHP, re excessive jake brake noise on I-80. Intensified commercial unit enforcement may be needed. Citizen Joanne Neft is reportedly working with CHP directly on just this issue, and will attempt to get enough signatures on a petition to change laws pertaining to level of enforcement on behalf of the CHP. This item will be placed on next month’s agenda.

10. Request 1-Way/No Parking on Walker Drive

Vehicles parking on the street cause traffic to impede into the opposite lane and into the blind spot located in front of 169 Walker. Speeding vehicles and the lack of sidewalks add to the unsafe situation for children and pedestrians in the area. To make the street “1-way” would be very difficult; no parking on one side of the street might be a better solution. The apartment complex located in this neighborhood adds to the volume of traffic and related problems. Chief Willick suggested a field trip of the Traffic Committee to actual walk the area, thus getting a better idea of the problem(s). April’s meeting will adjourn to the Walker Drive site.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 19, 2005, 8:30 A.M.